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TO: IMMEDIATE CARACAS.

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1. HQS RECORDS SHOW THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA) REVIEWED FILE ON WKSCARLET-3 ON 6 FEBRUARY 1978. HSCA MEMBERS, ARRIVING IN CARACAS ON 1 JUNE, WILL PROBABLY BE AWARE OF OUR FORMER RELATIONSHIP WITH W-3. UNDER AGREEMENT WITH HSCA, THEY ARE NOT TO CONTACT OR INTERVIEW AGENTS, PAST OR PRESENT. TO DATE NO REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT HQS.

2. IN EVENT THAT HSCA MEMBERS NOT AWARE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH W-3, WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR SHOULD TELL HSCA MEMBERS THAT W-3 WAS FORMER RTACTION AGENT AND HELD SENSITIVE POSITION WITHIN GOV. HE SHOULD URGE MEMBERS TO FOREGO INTERVIEW WITH W-3, AND EXPLAIN, IF NECESSARY, THAT UNINTENTIONAL LEAK (BUGGED ROOM, W-3 INDISCRETION DURING INTERVIEW AND IN EARSHOT OF GOV OFFICIAL) OF W-3'S PAST CLANDESTINE RELATIONSHIP WITH RTACTION, WHILE HE HELD SENSITIVE GOV POSITION, COULD EMBARRASS EMBASSY AND WOULD LIKELY RESULT IN FURTHER STRAIN IN RTACTION RELATIONSHIP WITH GOV ENTITIES. IN OPEN VENEZUELAN PRESS, THIS COULD MAKE SENSATIONAL READING DURING ELECTION YEAR.

3. IF COMMITTEE PERSISTS ON INTERVIEW WITH W-3, NOTWITHSTANDING HSCA AGREEMENT WITH RTACTION, AMBASSADOR SHOULD STATE THAT EXCEPTION BEING MADE IN THIS ONE CASE DUE TO 1965 ALLEGATION RE W-3 INVOLVEMENT IN ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST CASTRO AND IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. AMBASSADOR SHOULD CAUTION THEM TO USE DISCRETION IN TALKING WITH W-3 AND TO REFRAIN FROM ANY DISCUSSION RELATING TO W-3'S PAST ASSOCIATION AND ACTIVITIES WITH RTACTION. AMBASSADOR COULD ALSO COMMENT THAT DEPTS OF JUSTICE AND STATE ARE FULLY AWARE OF W-3'S PAST CONTACT WITH RTACTION AND THAT SIMILAR INFO COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COMMITTEE BY HQS, ON REQUEST.

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